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Bouyong arrived ^{from London} at five minutes to eight tonight by PAA with Lord Headfort of Ireland, the prospective husband of her noble and a rich member of the House of Lords ^{England} being one of five Marquises (The rankings are Prince, Duke, Marquis, Count, Viscount, Earl etc. ? ? ? ?).

Sec. of National Defense of Ponce Enrile reports after coming from Diguys, Palawan and the first NPA camp that the NPA's most probably succeeded in fleeing with more guns than we captured and the worse part is that in the NPA camp the boxes for rocket launchers were found but the contents had been apparently brought by the retreating NPA's. This portends more serious and massive attacks on convoys, installations and perhaps urban centers.

One of the disturbing finds is large dry batteries, possibly mortars and according to Gomez who was in a plane and actually saw the unloading of Karagatan, a wheeled gun (possibly a mountain gun or a mortar) was unloaded in Division. So I have ordered the Yonac road from Maddela as well as the Saur-Dingalan road

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to be closed so that no heavy equipment can be brought out.

In the meantime the sweep of the area starts tomorrow from Dingalan.

Some of the M-14 rifles were brought in by Gen. Ranculo tonight. We went to Base Opera lions to see them. They have only the markings M-14 with some kind of serial number but no manufacturers mark or country of origin.

Two months ago there was an intelligence report of a big shipment of arms from Amsterdam and some of the pulleys to bring the heavy equipment across the ravines were discovered. They are made in Norway.

Sgt. Bartista of the UOU recovered 24 more M-14 rifles in the sea at Piguys at 12 fathoms. They were wrapped in preservative oil or grease. They could not recover the others (including ammo boxes) because there were sharks around.

Commander Pusa has started to attack AFP installations in Apas, Concepcion and other towns in Tarlac. Apparently a diversion to keep the troops from ~~being~~ attacking reports.

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The media, especially the newspapers, have forfeited their right to freedom of the press. They have abused it to the point where they actually seek to falsify news.

The prime example is the "Karagatan" case and the fighting in Palawan.

There must be some way to prevent these irresponsible advocates of not just press freedom but press tyranny from weakening the state and the democracy that gives them the liberty that their friends the communists, seek to destroy.

Chino Roces, Juan Mercedes, Doronilla, Granada, the ABS-CBN TV-radio group, Renato Constantino, even the Bulletin and the Herald are guilty of this abuse.

Our informants tell us that they have met and agreed to belittle the communist gun-running and the HPA training camp in Diguayo.

I have a clear conscience in fighting them.